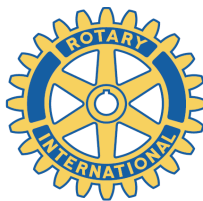


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BRECON ROTARY UPDATE, INFORMATION, NEWS

March 2009

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THURSDAY 19 MARCH 7.00PM
THE ROTARY CLUB SCHOOLS DRAMA FESTIVAL 2009

Following a sell out at the first Rotary Schools Drama Festival, this biannual event organised by the Rotary Club of Brecon promises to be an evening to remember.

Students from Brecon, Crickhowell and Gwernylfed High Schools, together with Christ College, perform a selection of drama, dance and musical theatre. Come and be amazed by the young talent on display.

TICKETS £7.50
CHILDREN & SENIOR CITIZENS £6.50



Extracted from Theatr Brochure and mostly unreadable

Please try and come to the Theatr on 19th March. There is one fewer school taking part this time so there won't be as many parents on hand to buy tickets. The recent High School production of Les Miserables was very impressive which augurs

Forthcoming Events

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TELL THE GEORGE IF YOU ARE NOT COMING

March 2nd– St David's Night dinner at 7.30pm.(and maybe some musical entertainment.) Wives encouraged to accompany husbands.

March 9th– Business meeting :dinner 7.30pm and Brian Simpson will give a short talk on the local Samaritans.

March 16th–Breakfast at 8am AND plan ahead your destination for the Scatter Week which starts today. Trips means prizes!

March 19th– Theatr Brycheiniog-Schools Drama Festival 7pm £6.50/£7.50. There are 3 schools taking part.

March 23rd– Evening meeting (7.30pm) The joint speakers will be William and another brother Gibbs whose subject is Black Mountain Artists including Reg Gammon.plus SILLY SOCKS EVENT (see below)

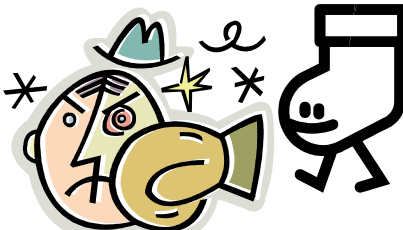
March 30th Breakfast meeting 8am
April 6th– Business meeting, dinner 7.30pm.

April 13th– NO MEETING

April 18th–10am to 2pm Stroke Awareness at the Guildhall.

April 20th –Breakfast at 8am

April 27th—Evening meeting.Speaker is Kathryn Roberts, Glassmaker of Brecon



SILLY SOCKS EVENT

On 23rd March , Rotarians are requested to come to the evening meeting wearing the most outlandish socks they can find. There will be a parade of sorts during the evening, and the President will select his favourite pair of legs. Those who participate are invited to contribute one pound, and those who don't , two pounds. It's all in a good cause!

TOWARDS OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE

A small committee has been formed to consider how we should celebrate our Golden Jubilee Year which is what 2009 is. As a start, we need some photographs of past events. Please explore your attics and albums for any interesting snaps, and lend them to the President. In any case, we'll be having a group photograph at some stage this year., and there will be plenty of warning given



This is a photo of the Group Study Exchange Team from Patagonia in May

23rd RIBI Rotary Golf Clubs Championship 2009



Entries for this 4 Ball Better Ball Match Play over 18 holes are required by the 7th March. 400 teams entered in 2008, and there are prizes totalling over £5000. The entry fee is £40, and your editor has an application form

Bottle Rota	
Mar 2nd	Brian Matthews
Mar 9th	Nick Morrell
Mar 16th	John Nancarrow
Mar 23rd	Brian Newman
Mar 30th	Morlais Owens
April 6th	Mike Oxnard

Our speaker on 23rd February was Ian Armadale, the Chief Constable of Dyfed Powys since last June. He seemed a very down to earth sort of guy, and having been born in Aberdare and once a car salesman, this is perhaps not surprising. He said that since the previous Chief Constable had left under a bit of a cloud, he had had to visit every part of his sizeable territory. Dyfed Powys has the lowest crime rate and the highest detection rate, but satisfaction rates have gone down, probably on account of poor communication. A new 101 number to augment 999 for run-of-the-mill reporting might help. He said that now that technological advances had occurred, it was often not worthwhile having a manned local police station, but he was experimenting with having volunteers to be there instead. We peppered him with questions, but he acquitted himself quite well, and then Bob Wood, an ex-copper, gave the vote of thanks, envying him not at all for the difficult job he had acquired.



Another type of country policeman !

Price of a litre of petrol /diesel at 2nd March
 Petrol 90.9 pence Diesel 99.9 pence

Rotarian of the Month -9
BRIAN MATTHEWS



Brian came to Brecon in 1971, having bought the established Retail Jewellers business of Stan Mayall in the High Street (President of Brecon Rotary in 1969). He originally hails from Penarth, having been born there, as he says "at an early age," (to inject into this piece an example of his quirky sense of humour). Brian was the youngest Fellow of the British Horological Society when he was first qualified, but probably he doesn't see this as his main achievement. He is coy about that! He says that he has enjoyed living in Brecon for more than half his life to date, but he believes that it has changed for the worse. He blames the planners for this. They have tried to make it like any other small town, so its identity has been lost. The big worry is that an increasing number of businesses are closing. He thinks that Powys CC should promote the reduction of rating valuations so as to attract the more interesting independent shops to fill the empty spaces. As for Brecon Rotary, Brian thinks it is running quite well at the moment, but he does feel that we should keep an eye on attendance, and also not lose sight of some of the general rules and formalities of the club. (Does that include dress code, one wonders?) Brian owns up to being the earliest surviving Past President, having been President in 1979, thirty years ago. He says that he still enjoys being a Rotarian and the fellowship it affords. Those trips to St Andrews with Brian Strawford and Jim Mellor for the Rotary Golf Internationals and actually qualifying for the Welsh Team hold particular fond memories for him. Brian likes music and his taste is general. As you might expect, when it comes to sport, the biennial European Ryder Cup Team becomes his favourite, although like the rest of us, he has a soft spot for our National Rugby Union Team. He satisfactorily says that his best holiday is the one he is on at the time, although he and Christine have particularly enjoyed holidaying in Barbados and Italy. Brian has joined the Committee charged with devising something interesting for us to do to commemorate 50 years of Brecon Rotary, and is personally looking forward to future fellowship with us all.

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